

MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 OCTOBER 2019

PRESENT: Elspeth McCallum (Chair), Morag Lang, Carolyn Lowe, Ailsa Johnson, Kevin Mackay, Alison Mitchell, Heather McManus, Lynne Robertson, Neil Macaulay, Donna Ainslie, Claire Lawson, Diane Dagger, Tim Gollins, David Surphlis (Parents)
Iain Livingstone (Headteacher), F Malcolm (Faculty Head of Humanities)
C Henderson (Minute Taker)

APOLOGIES: Linda Cranston (Resource Manager), Wendy MacPherson (Treasurer), Councillor Adanna McCue

DISCUSSION	ACTION
<p>1. WELCOME</p> <p>E McCallum welcomed to all the meeting and announced received apologies. Introductions were made.</p> <p>2. PREVIOUS MINUTE</p> <p>The previous minute was agreed as correct.</p> <p>3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</p> <p>Staffing</p> <p>I Livingstone gave the Committee an update of the staffing issues at present as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">J Shaw – DHT (Maternity Leave) G Gilmour – Seconded to DHT M Rooney – Seconded to FH of English & Media S Bannerman – Teacher of English</p> <p>Probationers</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">E Shanks – Drama S Lumsden – Maths K Cunningham – PE A Bear – PE R Croal – Business</p> <p>School Maintenance</p> <p>I Livingstone confirmed that all ongoing maintenance within the school corridors is completed.</p> <p>4. ONLINE DELIVERY OF ADVANCED HIGHER HISTORY</p> <p>F Malcolm spoke about the progress of the online delivery of Advanced History. The course is progressing well although there were some initial IT issues which are now being addressed by Education Services. Pupils from the participating schools all met with F Malcolm at the start of the course. Course work instructions are put online for pupils and each school has a key teacher assigned to support their pupils and be a point of contact. A future update on progress of the course will be given to the Parent Council.</p>	

5. AUTHORITY VISIT

I Livingstone spoke about the recent Authority visit and will update the Committee of the outcome at the next meeting on 4 November.

6. SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT INSIGHT DATA

I Livingstone presented a slideshow of the recent Insight Data as follows:

- In S4, S5 and S6, the achievement of both Levels 4 and 5 in Literacy and Numeracy by Braes pupils is above what would be statistically expected.
- In S4, the average attainment of pupils from all attainment levels is above what would statistically be expected.
- In S5, the average attainment of pupils from all attainment levels is above what would statistically be expected.
- In S6, the pattern is less clear, with some Braes pupils outperforming what would statistically be expected. Although not significant statistically, there is evidence that indicates that S6 pupils can, on average, attain further in their final year of school.

7. TREASURERS REPORT

The current balance is £663.59.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no further items raised.

9. CLOSE

E McCallum closed the meeting thanking everyone for attending.